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SUBJECT: MINE FACILITIES SIGONELLA

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT REFTEL MAY LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON CURRENT PROCEDURES WITHIN THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. OUR COMMENTS, KEYED TO PARA 1, REFTEL, FOLLOW:

A. WHILE SLICE GROUP XVI-XX FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED FOR NEW AUTHORIZATIONS THERE IS STILL PROVISION FOR INCREASING EXISTING AUTHORIZATIONS TO COVER MODERATE OVERRUNS. IN ADDITION, SINCE THE AUTHORIZATION OF IAU 54,791 WAS GIVEN AT THE ERRONEOUS EXCHANGE RATE OF 1767 ITALIAN LIRE/ONE IAU AND COMMITTEES ARE NOW MOVING TO ESTABLISH REALISTIC RATE OF ABOUT 2500 ITALIAN LIRE, CURRENT AUTHORIZATION MAY ACCOMMODATE CONSIDERABLE OVERRUN IN ITALIAN LIRE.

B. FOR THE MINE COMPONENT TEST BUILDING THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANCE THAT SLICE XVIII FUNDING CAN BE OBTAINED SINCE THE US CONFIDENTIAL

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REFUND OF SOME IAU 2 MILLION FROM THE PAYMENT BY FRANCE OF THE FRELOC CLAIM MAY BE USED TO INCREASE FUND AVAILABILITY. IF THE SIGONELLA PROJECT IS TOO LOW ON THE WAITING LIST FOR THOSE FUNDS THERE REMAINS POSSIBILITY THAT NATO WILL AGREE TO TEMPORARY FUND

IMPUTATION TO SLICE XV PENDING REPROGRAMMING. THIS REQUIRES SHAPE AGREEMENT TO REPROGRAM.

C. NATO STAFF CONFIRMS AGREEMENT TO RECOMMEND REFRIGERATED STORAGE SHED AS FREE STANDING BUILDING IF NO EARLY SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND FOR TEST BUILDING PARA 1.B., ABOVE.

2. OF FUNDING METHODS SUGGESTED PARA 2, REFTTEL, ONLY THOSE NOTED PARA 1.B., ABOVE, HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS SINCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEES, NOT SHAPE OR AFSOUTH, CONTROL CONTINGENCY FUNDING AND REOPENING OF SLICE GROUP.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT, FOR PROJECTS IN THE SHAPE AREA, COORDINATION WITH EUCOM STAFF WHO CLOSELY MONITOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTIONS COULD LEAD TO MORE EFFICIENT RESOLUTION OF US PROBLEMS. STREATOR

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